

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Grand Pageant in Honor of Ireland's Patron Saint.

FEATURES OF THE PROCESSION.

Triumphal Cars, Bands, Banners, Gorgeous Regalias and Gallowlasses.

THIRTY THOUSAND MEN IN LINE

An Immense Concourse of People in the Streets to See the Turnout.

REVIEW AT THE CITY HALL.

A Pleasant Day, No Disturbance and a Long March.

BANQUET OF THE KNIGHTS OF ST. PATRICK.

Observance of the Day in the Suburbs and Elsewhere.

E PLURIBUS UNUM—ERIN GO BRAGH.

The Irish race has had its holiday and honored St. Patrick to the best of their might. There is scarcely a spot in all the world where, be they many or few, the scattered children of the Green Isle have not poured forth their rejoicings at the recurrence of their nation's festival. In this country, above all others, our Irish fellow citizens enjoy to the fullest extent liberty to sing and talk and walk in honor of the good old saint.

But there would be a difficulty to find that place where an Irishman could not indulge in some characteristic freak of jubilee on St. Patrick's Day, and perhaps no more untoward or disheartening obstacles anywhere do present themselves than in the green land itself. Still, in the warring town of her conqueror, Ireland has even to-day but little inspiring influences in her midst to cheer her to joyousness. But she has the happy attribute of being unable to shake off in her most crushing hour the natural impulsiveness for fun and jollity, and this is never more uncontrollable than when some gorgeous exhibition, in any way patriotic, is to be presented to the gaze of an admiring world. An Irishman thinks no more about the celebration of a memorable event by time and quiet means than he would think of an oration devoid of an eloquence which soars higher than the sky, inspiring all the ears of rhetoric on some patriotic topic. The twigs bend so will be the tree, and hence we have our myriads of Irish citizens, in great and magnificent array, gorgeously ornamented, and in some cases splendidly equipped, celebrating on the spot of their new home the feast day of the national saint.

Whatever may be said against the Patrick's parade it must be said in its favor that it would be a cruelty of the greatest magnitude to inflict upon thirty thousand of the human species such an unappealing affliction as to drive to the secret chambers of their hearts so many then thirsting for a parade in honor of a saint. It has been said that

is at the bottom of the Irish demonstration; but this is a gross libel on the Irish character, for the parade is demanded simply because it is a parade, and because an Irishman loves a parade which is even in the remotest way connected with any saint or sinner distinguished for Irish patriotism. Any one strolling through the city yesterday, with an attentive eye to the thousands of Irishmen swarming around, could not feel feeling convinced that something especially fascinating was about to happen. On that regatta! The regatta is really immense!

There was a time—happily long past—when these thousands of stalwart men would draw forth a sign of commiseration from the hardest heart. They were, for the most part, "their country's pride," the peasants of Ireland. They might then be called exiles, bruised, crushed and downtrodden. Not a man of them but had a tale of sorrow and home distress to tell. Of they were the victims of the English policy which sent them away. It was little wonder if they grained with delight as they celebrated

THEIR COUNTRY'S FESTIVAL on a free soil, unfettered and prosperous, and forgot for a day the huge load of an exile's life. But all that is now changed, and what was once the exile is now the American citizen. The bond of Irish love which united the old homes with the new, has so grown and strengthened that Ireland has become really a State of the Union, and ought to have a shamrock on the national banner. There was not a cloudy brow in the throngs of men who sported the green yesterday, and all looked not only ordinarily comfortable and well to do, but seemed full of a joyous spirit that spoke well for their recent "pursuit of happiness." If they ever thought of the "old land" at all, they must, under existing circumstances, have thought of it as of

A HOPELESS CASE. All along the east side of town the parades began to appear at an early hour in the afternoon, the several societies coming from all quarters. The bowery was alive with people—men, women and children—who had come to see the procession. Every window had its quota of spectators, the households in many instances were filled, and every available prominent position put to use to the sight of the society men might be gained. In Broadway also the windows over the stores had been secured, and in fact, all along the route the few ridiculous signs every convenient spot from which to get a glimpse of the marching Irishmen was put into requisition. The streets were so crowded that the appearance of the marshals in their cocked hats and regalia, of the banners of the societies, and to say aught of the badges, the hats, horses and the carriages. There were, however,

FRONTIER FEATURES OF THE PROCESSION which require a more detailed description. One was the banner presented recently by the Nor of the Mutual Alliance Society, and which has been already described fully in the HERALD. The banner was displayed on a car, drawn by eight horses, and was carried by four young ladies wearing helmets and breastplates and kirtles of green and gold. These young ladies represented the four provinces of Ireland; two others, sitting in the center of the car, being from the convent of St. Clare, Kenmare, Ireland. Another feature was a car drawn by ten horses, containing on a pedestal a statue of Daniel O'Connell, and having below it the motto, "The People's Right to the People's Will." A red wasteful who had a prominent red wasteful, shaking, but who was good-naturedly tolerated, having on either side a car, drawn by a donkey and a horse, and carrying a large number of people, and most intense rivalry of all the servant girls—and they were out in tens of thousands—along the whole line of march.

Soon after one o'clock the procession began to form. The platform of police appointed to lead it was in the hands of the police, and the command of Colonel Kavanagh, sixty-nine into line to the right of the civic societies. The military consisted of the Knights of Columbus, Captain B. Curran; the Men of Tipperary, Colonel Carroll; the Legion of St. Patrick; the Emerald

Guards of Harlem; A Company, First Battalion National Guard, State New Jersey, and Company A, First Cavalry, National Guard, New York. The order of the procession was as follows:—Ancient Order of Hibernians—No. 1, President A. Harrison, 250 men; No. 2, 200 men; No. 3, President T. 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